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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**For:** TRIPLE LAYER INDUSTRIAL FABRIC  
FOR THROUGH-AIR DRYING PROCESS

**Group:** 1794

**Examiner:** Andrew T. Piziali

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**DECLARATION OF RICHARD STONE UNDER 37 CFR §1.132**

I, Richard Stone, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a joint inventor of the above-referenced patent application.
2. I am currently employed by AstenJohnson, Inc., the assignee of the present application as a Senior Technologist. I have 28 years experience in research and development in designing and the construction of industrial fabrics, in particular for use on papermaking machines. I am a mechanical technologist with certification from the Montreal Institute of Technology. I have been intimately involved in the design and manufacture of papermaking fabrics for 38 years and am named inventor on 7 United States granted patents which have issued since 2001.
3. Based on my experience and education, I would be considered a person of at least ordinary skill in the art in the art of industrial fabrics, and in particular to papermaking fabrics.
4. I have reviewed the Office Action dated May 20, 2009 which was issued in this patent application. As I understand it, the claims have been rejected based on the assertion in the Office Action that the claims include subject matter not sufficiently described in the specification so that a person skilled in the relevant art would understand that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that there is no disclosure